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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. At its 76th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1999, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/107, entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions".

2. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

> "1. [Renewed] its invitation to the Security Council to consider the establishment of further mechanisms or procedures, as appropriate, for consultations as early as possible under Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations with third States which are or may be confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Council under Chapter VII of the Charter, with regard to a solution of those problems, including appropriate ways and means for increasing the effectiveness of its methods and procedures applied in the consideration of requests by the affected States for assistance;
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> "2. [Welcomed] once again the further measures taken by the Security Council since the adoption of General Assembly resolution 50/51, most recently the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 January 1999 (S/1999/92) aimed at improving the work of the sanctions committees, including increasing the effectiveness and transparency of the sanctions committees, invites the Council to implement those measures, and strongly recommends that the Council continue its efforts to further enhance the functioning of the sanctions committees, to streamline their working procedures and to facilitate access to them by representatives of States that find themselves confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of sanctions".

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